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SWAMP LANDS.

An enterprising citizen of New Orleans has obtained title to 1,000,000 acres of swamp lands in Louisiana, and in concert with the Illinois Central and Southern Pacific railroads and some capitalists of Chicago it is proposed to raise \$1,500,000 to expend in draining the swamp, says Washington Post. The soil is the richest in the United States, and equal to any in the world. It is estimated that with proper tillage it will produce over three bales of cotton to the acre, whereas the average crop of that staple is less than one-half bale to the acre. In fertility the soil of the swamp lands near the Mississippi is practically inexhaustible, and there are 7,000,000 acres of such lands in Louisiana alone, or more than 10,000 square miles. Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and the states farther north have immense areas of swamp lands more fertile than those in Louisiana, which are now practically worthless for lack of drainage. Upon the idea that prompted the act levying a tax on oleomargarine, our government can do anything that is expedient. It has been held that the government can conserve waters in the woody west to irrigate the public domain and subside it to the husbandman, and it has been argued that it should remove water from lands in the Mississippi river bottoms to render them fit as field, garden and orchard, but nearly all the swamp lands of the great valley are the property of individuals, and that fact may serve to deter congress from the enterprise.

In our exploitation of the west and southwest the "south" has been largely neglected, but it has not been forgotten, and recuperation has now started new development. The south is coming into its own again and is attracting both wealth and energy from other quarters, while its home production has assumed in value enormous proportions, says Omaha Bee. The latest feature in this development is the establishment of experimental farms in many southern states for educational purposes along scientific lines. The south is ambitious and is outfitting no effort to secure the best and most up-to-date methods and equipment for the full utilizing of its resources. The climate and the soil of the south are suited to a marked degree to the development of agricultural pursuits. Richer soil is to be found in but few places. Timber abounds, the summer season is long, the rainfall is plentiful and everything that nature can put at the disposal of a country to make it agriculturally productive is there.

Some of the possibilities when navigation becomes common and general are suggested by a recent performance at—or above—the frontier between the United States and Mexico. A man in a flying machine made half a dozen or more trips back and forth between the two countries, and the customs officers of both nations looked on and were powerless to interfere with him. The aviator made no attempt at smuggling, but had been so inclined he could have carried goods subject to duty and defied the laws. Obviously there is likely to be some sort of international understanding regarding the use of airplanes which pass from one country to another.

The cruise around the world of the American battleship fleet had so many valuable results that it is not out of order to have a repetition of the experience to a certain extent. It is announced from Washington that the Atlantic fleet will visit the Mediterranean sea next fall. The vessels will go in division formation, to give the commanders, officers and men the advantage of maneuvering in that shape. Among the ships will be some which made the world tour, and Europe will have another opportunity to see what a first-class American naval force looks like. The excellent impression made by the battleships is likely to be deepened.

The catch of 45,000 seals by the steamer Florizel, reported from St. Johns, N. F., need cause no worry as to the future of seal life. The seals taken in the North Atlantic ocean are not the fur seal, but an amphibious animal that is plentiful in comparison, and in little danger of extermination, notwithstanding heavy annual onslaughts.

An Illinois minister has left the pulpit to become a baseball umpire. It is a far cry from saving souls to calling strikes, but it is to be feared that the latter cry is heard further in the land.

A man in Texas has just received a letter mailed to him 35 years ago. This proves again the unerring persistency of the mails.

Rump steak has more nutriment, but the porterhouse article has more style, taste and reputation.

"If you are a sweet-dispositioned person of positive character you can eat onions without the least fear of a tainted breath," says a gifted lecturer. But first be sure of your disposition.

Morocco's grand vizier has been seriously poisoned by three of his own wives. Excessive matrimony has its drawbacks everywhere.

A South Carolina farmer is using dynamite for plowing. Safe blowers say it brings in a good harvest.

HEINZE ACQUITTED, LOST \$5,000,000

JURY FINDS COPPER KING NOT GUILTY AT END OF LONG TRIAL.

SENSATION IN THE COURT

Crowd Cheers Verdict and Hysterical Women Are Only Restrained From Kissing Him by Crowd of Strangers Present.

New York City.—Fritz Augustus Heinze, the copper millionaire, was acquitted of the charge of misapplication of the funds of the Mercantile National bank, in this city, while he was president of it, and of the accusation of overcertification of the checks drawn on it by his brother Otto's firm of stock brokers.

For two years the indictment on which he was tried has been hanging over his head. He still has one more, alleging general conspiracy, to answer.



F. AUGUSTUS HEINZE.

but it was said that in view of the outcome of the first it was unlikely the latter would be pressed. As a result of these charges and the delay in getting a trial he declared he had lost about \$5,000,000.

The verdict was greeted with cheers that would have done credit to crowd at a baseball game.

Heinze had tears in his eyes as he shook each juror by the hand. He could not trust himself to speak. Friends and relatives, women and men, overwhelmed him with congratulations. Some flung their arms around his neck and were restrained from kissing him only by the crowd of strangers present.

Sensation in Court. Earlier in the day another sensational scene had been enacted. Arthur P. Heinze, brother of the accused, had interrupted the district attorney as the latter was addressing the jury, to call him a liar, and had promptly been ejected by order of the court.

The acquittal of Heinze was contrasted with the conviction, in the same court room and before the same judge, of an associate of Heinze, Charles W. Morse, who was also charged with violation of the national banking law. In Morse's case the accusation of false entries in the books of his bank had been added to that of misapplication. It was on the false entry charges that Morse was found guilty and sentenced to 5 years in prison.

Outside the court room Heinze made the following statement: "I am naturally pleased with the verdict, but not at all surprised. The thing I most regret is the long delay in bringing the case to trial. I have been ready for trial every day since the first indictment was returned, two years and a half ago. This delay has cost me between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000."

"Possibly some persons who were very anxious to see me convicted with this as well as satisfied with this as though I had been found guilty, for the ruination of my credit seems to have been one of the objects most viciously aimed at."

MINE SEALED, 137 PERISH

Wellington (Eng.) Galleries Closed With Explosion Victims in Fiery Deaths Under Ocean.

White Haven, England.—The Wellington coal mine has been sealed to smother the flames that have been sweeping through its galleries since the explosion, and which it is now certain have claimed the lives of 137 miners entombed by the explosion.

Rescuing parties tried again to enter the mine but found it like a furnace. By sealing the entrance the officials think they can put out the fire without flooding the mine.

Man Whirled to Death in Wheel. Joplin, Missouri.—His clothes catching on a set screw on a rapidly revolving flywheel at the mine of the Felice Lead and Zinc Company, Jesse Paul, superintendent of the mine, was whirled to death. Paul recently was acquitted on a murder charge.

Kaiser to Attend Funeral. Berlin, Germany.—It is officially announced that Emperor William will leave next Wednesday for London to attend King Edward's funeral, arriving there the following day.

Indian to Teach Farming. Red Rock, Oklahoma.—Stan Lincoln and wife, whose home has been at Red Rock for many years, have left for the Otoe Agency at Warm Springs, Ore., where he has been appointed as additional farmer.

Bankers to Hold Convention. Guthrie, Oklahoma.—W. S. Guthrie, secretary of the Oklahoma Bankers' association, has received the loving cup to be given to the winner of the contest with adding machines, at the McAllester convention, May 24-25.

Explosion Burns Children. Buffalo, New York.—Five children were frightfully burned and three of them may die as a result of a gas explosion that occurred in the home of William Moran.

BOAT SINKS; 13 DIE

STEAMER CITY OF SALTILLO HITS LEDGE OF ROCK SOUTH OF ST. LOUIS.

RESCUES ARE THRILLING

Vessel Sinks to Bottom of Mississippi While Panicked Stricken Passengers Fight for Their Lives—Twelve Bodies in River.

St. Louis, Missouri.—Thirteen persons were drowned when the steamer City of Saltillo struck a ledge of rock and went to the bottom of the Mississippi river near Glen Park, Mo., 24 miles from St. Louis. Twelve of the bodies are in the river still.

A relief train brought the survivors of the disaster to St. Louis. Relatives and friends besieged the train and many touching scenes were enacted as the survivors were welcomed with tears of joy or the missing ones were mourned.

The steamer left St. Louis Wednesday night on its journey down to the Tennessee river, with Waterloo, Ala., on the Tennessee, as its destination. At Glen Park, an isolated spot where trees and brush hide the shore, the boat struck the rock and was rammed through the boilers. In less than three minutes it had turned completely around and sunk.

In the darkness, with the river running high, men, women and children struggled for their lives. There were 55 on board, 27 of whom were passengers.

William R. Barnhart, Jr., of St. Louis, 24 years old, was one of the heroes of the wreck. He brought several of the struggling passengers out of the water and kept them until they were restrained from continuing.

One of the most pitiful in all the tragic features of the disaster was the death of Mrs. Archie Paterson of Savannah, Tenn., who went down into the river with her 2-year-old son Archie, Jr., clasped in her arms. Her other child, 9 months old, was entrusted to her mother, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, who escaped with the baby. The negro nurse girl who accompanied Mrs. Paterson also escaped.

W. J. Pickett, an employee of the Simmons Hardware Company, was on a business trip down the river and was among the lost.

James McIntosh, a member of the boat orchestra, grabbed hold of a woman as the boat sunk and took her to shore, believing he was saving Miss Gertrude Sheehan, pianiste of the orchestra. He found he had saved another woman and went back, bringing Miss Sheehan safely to shore.

Mrs. J. E. Blair, 206 North Park avenue, Chicago, clung to the hull of the sunken boat and was finally rescued. Her son Carl, 17 years old, jumped into the water and was drawn ashore.

Those who were rescued were almost frantic with fear, and it was almost daylight before order was brought out of the panic and the passengers were able to line up and be listed so that the names of the missing could be learned.

200 MINNESOTA TOWNS IN FOREST FIRE PATH

Wireless Reports From Burning Districts Tell of Destruction of Three Towns.

Duluth, Minnesota.—Reports indicate that the forest fires which have been raging in the districts of St. Louis, Cook and Lake counties for the past week have not abated.

Wireless messages from Grand Marais say the wind, which had died down, has again risen and that the town is in grave danger of total destruction.

Capt. Hector of the steamer America, now at Grand Marais, sent word that the towns of Tofte and Chipewah were entirely wiped out. Roseau was almost half destroyed. All are small settlements on the lake shore in the neighborhood of Grand Marais.

There are more than 200 towns and settlements between Duluth and the fire boundary. A dispatch from Two Harbors says that the timber country northeast of the town is burning fiercely and that hundreds of thousands of feet of the finest pine are doomed.

Typhoon Sweeps Part of Japan. Kobe, Japan.—Fears that heavy loss of life has followed a serious typhoon which swept the entire Kobe district were expressed by officials here. The wreck of one steamer, carrying passengers from Osaka to Nagoya, is reported. In addition to a large crew, 50 passengers were aboard and all were reported lost, although this lacks confirmation.

Stock Exchange to Honor King. New York City.—The New York stock exchange will be closed for two hours on Friday, May 20, the day of the funeral of King Edward. The usual opening hour of 10 o'clock has been put off until noon.

Missouri Killed by Lightning. Jonesboro, Missouri.—Dan Ugelman, while working for the Jonesboro Fire Clay and Mining company, was killed by lightning. Other men on a car with him were thrown to the ground, but not seriously injured.

Bryan to Speak on Temperance. Chicago, Illinois.—William Jennings Bryan will lecture on temperance at the Auditorium Wednesday, May 18, under the auspices of the National Total Abstinence Union of America, according to an announcement made here.

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ROOSEVELT SEES CRACK REGIMENT

GERMAN EMPEROR DISPLAYS WARRIOR "PETER" IN MANEUVERS FOR EX-PRESIDENT.

PUBLIC IS NOT ADMITTED

Colonel Has Opportunity to Compare Germany's Finest Fighters With Those of France—Pageant Is Most Brilliant.

Berlin, Germany.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in secret, reviewed the crack regiments of Europe's war lord, Kaiser Wilhelm, and judged a keen battle between 15,000 troops which culminated in a pageant of entertainment provided for him previously on his tour of Europe. At the direct command of the emperor every effort was made to prevent any but himself, his guest and the participants from being present.

The maneuvers, which gave Roosevelt an opportunity to compare Germany's finest fighters with those of France, were held at the Doberitz field.

Brilliant Staff for T. R. Roosevelt might have been a general himself, judging from the size of the retinue about him at the field.

There were in the party Lieut.-Col. Koerner, his old friend from Washington, attached during his stay as special aide; Gen. Alfred von Lowenfeld, personal representative of the emperor; Count Zu Eulenburg, to whom the kaiser gave the task of mapping out Roosevelt's entertainment; Gen. Von Plessen and other German officials.

The sham battle gave to Roosevelt the chance to gain intimate knowledge of the German army. Extraordinary preparations were made for the sham battle and review. It has become known that this feature of Roosevelt's entertainment was insisted upon by the kaiser, who overrode the protests of his advisers, who insisted that such a spectacle would be inappropriate while the country is in mourning for William's uncle, King Edward.

The foreign office, however, succeeded in securing from him the command limiting the spectators to high military officials. To enforce this heavy lines of guardsmen blocked the important routes to the field, about which was drawn a cordon.

The stories of the splendor of the pageant for the distinguished American guest had aroused great excitement in Berlin, and early in the day streams of motor cars and other vehicles converged near the field, but a heavy force of soldiers warned all back, occasionally with harshness.

A good percentage of those trying to reach the field were women, and among them all there was not a flower to be found on a hat. They had obeyed the order to remove such trimmings out of respect for Edward, and that fact offered an odd contrast to the glittering and theatrical show of the day for the kaiser's guest.

CHINESE RIOTERS BREAK OUT AGAIN

Reports of Renewed Attacks on Foreigners and Native Christians Reach Ha: Kow.

Han Kow, China.—Attacks on the foreigners and native Christians have broken out anew and the western portion of Hunan province is again according to the information received here in roundabout ways. The cutting of all telegraph wires is taken as a confirmation. One of the worst centers is now in the country about Yuen-Chow, on the Yuen river, in the southwestern part of Hunan.

Many missionaries—American, Norwegian and French—are in the isolated zone and the gravest fears for their safety are entertained. The province from Shin Chow, 175 miles west of Chang Sha, south to the savage Choang Colau country, lying beyond the Hunan border, 200 miles from Shin Chow, is in the grip of the anti-foreigners, led by the same agitators who caused the recent outbreak at Chang Sha.

Efforts are being made to get into communication with the inland mission at Yuen-Chow, reported destroyed by a mob.

Flirtation Costs Liberty. Chicago, Illinois.—Flirting with two detectives resulted in the arrest of Isabelle Gordon, 16 years old. An investigation made by the police showed she had escaped from a home for girls at Geneva, Ill., and when questioned she admitted she had fled from the institution March 25.

Measles Epidemic on Steamer. New York City.—Forty well-dressed young ladies have been discovered on board the steamer Carpathia, just arrived from Mediterranean ports. All the victims were children in the steerage.

Roosevelt for Edward's Funeral. Washington, D. C.—President Taft has appointed Theodore Roosevelt special ambassador of the United States to attend the funeral of King Edward. Col. Roosevelt accepted the commission in a cable message.

Missouri G. A. R. Encampment. Warrensburg, Missouri.—The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of Missouri opened auspiciously here with a large attendance, which includes distinguished visitors from other states.

Dutch Records to Be Translated. New York City.—Arnold J. F. Van Lever, a native of Holland, has been appointed "state archivist" to translate into English all the early Dutch records of the state. The work will take 15 years.

RAILROAD BILL PASSES HOUSE

ATTEMPT BY REGULARS TO REINSTATE ORIGINAL CLAUSES IS DEFEATED.

FINAL VOTE 200 TO 126

Mann Offers an Amendment, Which Is Defeated by 169 to 160 After Short, Sharp Debate.

Washington, D. C.—The House passed the railroad bill as reported from the committee of the whole by a vote of 200-126.

Every Republican supported the measure on the final vote, and the following Democrats also voted aye: Bartlett (Nev.), Havens (N. Y.), Jameson (Ia.), Kitchen, Page, Webb and Pou (N. C.), Hardy, Russell, Gile and Smith (Tex.) and Saunders (Va.).

As soon as the bill came up for final passage Representative Mann (Rep., Ill.), offered an amendment, which virtually would have re-established the clause permitting mergers under certain conditions.

Mann, representing the administration forces, urged the adoption of this feature, which had been stricken out in committee of the whole. A debate ensued. The effect of this action was to force a record vote on the proposition, and Mann's amendment was defeated by 169-160.

The defeat was accomplished through a number of New England regulars joining the insurgents. They opposed it on the ground that it would interfere with the recent merger of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and the Boston & Maine.

A motion by Representative Adamson (Dem., Ga.), to recommit the bill with instructions to eliminate the commerce court provision, was defeated, 176-150.

NEW DREADNAUGHT, FLORIDA LAUNCHED

Miss Elizabeth Fleming Christens Battleship—Powerful Armament Will Be Carried.

New York City.—In the presence of Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Governor Hughes and a distinguished gathering of army and navy officials, Miss Elizabeth L. Fleming, daughter of the late ex-Gov. Francis P. Fleming of Florida, broke a bottle of champagne against the bow of the new United States battleship Florida and the fourth dreadnaught of the United States navy glided gracefully down the ways into the East river. President Taft had intended to be present, but public business prevented.

The launching took place at the New York navy yard, where the vessel has been in course of construction since March 9, 1909, and owing to the size of the vessel and the presence of so many distinguished guests it was the most notable affair of this kind that has been held in recent years. After the exercises Secretary Meyer was the guest of honor at a dinner given to the mechanics and laborers employed in the shipyard.

Another important fact in the launching of the Florida is that the vessel being built in the government shipyard and her total cost will not exceed \$6,000,000, which is about \$2,000,000 less than the price that would have been paid to a private company. The vessel is now 62 percent completed and the government hopes to have her ready by July 24 of this year, the same day that her sister ship, the Utah, which was recently launched at Newport News, is under contract to be completed.

The Florida is being fitted out for a flagship and will complete the first division of dreadnaughts in the United States navy, which include the Delaware, the North Dakota and the Utah. The Delaware and the North Dakota were the first of the dreadnaught type to be built for this country, and have a displacement of 20,000 tons.

EATS HIS OWN EDITORIAL

Newspaper Man Forced to Chew and Swallow Clipping From Own Paper.

Quitman, Mississippi.—R. L. Page, who edits a weekly paper, published an editorial upon a dance of prominent Quitman society folk in which he called the dancing "public hugging" and intimated that no virtuous woman would indulge in such practices.

Several citizens forced him to chew and swallow a clipping of the editorial. Page later left town.

1,000 Drinking Cups for Dogs. Chicago.—One thousand drinking cups for dogs will be placed in different parts of the city to lessen the danger of rabies during the hot months by Dr. J. J. Miller, who has obtained the consent of the judiciary.

Alabama Bank Goes to Wall. Demopolis, Alabama.—The City Bank and Trust Company, with a capital of \$100,000, has closed its doors. J. B. Merriweather, the president, says the liabilities will be paid in full. The deposits are \$250,000.

American Priest Becomes Bishop. Philadelphia, Pa.—In the cathedral here the Right Rev. John B. MacGinley of Philadelphia was consecrated bishop of Nueva Guaymas, Philippine Islands. Monsignor Falconio officiated as consecrator.

Peru Gets Ready for War. Lima, Peru.—Active preparations for a possible war with Ecuador continue. Volunteers are enlisting daily and the war fund is being increased by private donations. In this city 34,000 soldiers are quartered.

ILLINOIS BEGINS DOUBLE INQUIRY

GRAND JURIES AT BOTH SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO WORK ON BRIBE SCANDAL.

TOBENO "IMMUNITY BATH"

Senator Lorimer Says He Has No Intentions of Resigning; Opens His Two Banks and Refuses to Talk.

Springfield, Illinois.—The Sangamon county grand jury has begun an investigation of the alleged legislative grafting, affecting the election of William Lorimer to the United States senate. State's Attorney Edmund Burke announced that Representative Michael S. Link, who is here, probably would be the first witness.

Burke has announced there shall be no such thing as an "immunity bath" for those who turn state's evidence.

Will Lorimer Resign? Chicago, May 9.—Will United States Senator William Lorimer resign from the United States senate or will he temporarily relinquish his privileges in the senate and demand that a committee from that body investigate his election?

These were the all-absorbing questions here, when a special grand jury entered upon its second week of investigation of Representative C. A. White's charges that certain legislators received money to vote for Lorimer for the senate. Simultaneously the Sangamon county grand jury at Springfield began an investigation of the same charges.

Senator Lorimer's two new banks opened their doors to the public, and the senator devoted all of his time to the formalities connected with those openings. Therefore, he declined to discuss his intentions or Representative White's charges. When asked if he intended to resign, the senator, smiling, replied that he had "no such intention."

Dispatches from Washington state that steps to compel the senator to resign and seek vindication before exercising the functions of his office further, were taken by influential members of the senate.

The dispatches declare the senators who participated in those conferences decided that Lorimer would be given an opportunity to take the initiative in removing the cloud from the senate, but that if he did not seize this opportunity, other senators would demand an official investigation. The Washington dispatches declare the senators are aroused over the Lorimer charges and are determined to take some action quickly.

It is stated that State's Attorney Wayman will at once start on a "new trial," which promises a number of additional "confessions" in connection with the bribery charges. The prosecutor is said to have been given statements involving legislators whose names have never been mentioned before in connection with the present inquiry.

TO PLAN "SLAVE" LAWS

Recent Disclosures in New York Make Certain Drastic Action Will Be Taken by Congress.

Washington, D. C.—Details of the recent exposures in the white slave investigations in New York and other cities make it certain congress will pass an iron-clad law for the punishment of girl traders.

It has been one of the important issues of the present session. Information, obtained through an investigation made by the immigration commission, already has resulted in the passage of an excellent law to protect alien women. A bill to make it extremely dangerous to conduct the traffic across state lines is well under way, and under the influence of the newly found evidence in New York, its passage is a certainty.

SCRAP TIN USED FOR TOYS

Canneries Waste, Pressed into Bales, Is Sent to Germany by the Shipload.

Seattle, Washington.—The steamship Proteus, loading here for Europe, will include in her cargo for Hamburg 120,000 bales of scrap tin from the Puget Sound canneries, to be used in the manufacture of toys and then shipped to America again to delight children.

Heretofore the waste metal has been thrown away. Now it is pressed into bales like hay and Germany is eager to buy it.

Vassar Graduate Ends Life. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.—Nancy S. Bingham, 26 years old, daughter of J. B. Bingham, a well known real estate dealer, ended her life by shooting. She was graduated from Vassar three years ago and suffered melancholia recently.

Bridge Collapses, Boy Killed. Carthage, Missouri.—A boy was killed, seven were injured, none fatally, and 40 others were thrown into the water, when a suspension bridge over Center creek collapsed.

German Newspaper Publisher Dies. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—George Brumder, leading publisher of German newspapers in Milwaukee and noted several times a millionaire, died suddenly after a short illness. He was 72, his seventy-first year.

World's Fair Engineer Dies. Chicago, Illinois.—Charles F. Foster, chief mechanical engineer of the Columbian Exposition, Chicago, and who filled similar positions at the Atlanta and St. Louis expositions, died at his home here.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Back to the Soil Movement. A practical effort of national scope to materialize the "Back to the soil" movement was instituted at St. Louis by the preliminary formation of the National Farm Homes association of Missouri. Articles of incorporation as a charitable or philanthropic association will be applied for in the Missouri courts with the following named officers: Gov. Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri, president; Clifford Finchot of Washington, first vice president; F. D. Tucker of St. Louis, second vice president; John N. Curran, immigration agent of Missouri, secretary; and Walker Hill of St. Louis, treasurer. The first specific object the association hopes to attain is to establish farm colonies in Missouri and in other states, where applicants for land may support themselves in communities under the supervision of expert agriculturists to be furnished by the national and state departments of agriculture. The second and larger object is to improve farm conditions generally.

Expelled Joplin Preacher. By unanimous vote the congregation of the First Baptist church of Joplin expelled ex-Lieut. Gov. Stephen H. Claycomb, who was charged by the deacons of the church with aiding the "wets" and striving to defeat the cause of prohibition in the recent local election in Joplin, in which the city went "wet" by several hundred majority. The charges against Claycomb were: "That he violated the laws of Kansas by purchasing intoxicating liquors; that he violated God's law by buying liquor on the Sabbath day; that he endeavored to interpret the Scriptures to favor the liquor traffic."

A New Boone Society. A new association, called the Missouri Boone Memorial and Historical society, was organized at Montgomery with Judge H. W. Johnson as president, H. S. Turner, secretary, the Rev. R. E. McQuie, treasurer. The object of this society is to collect historical material and such other things as are necessary to perpetuate the memory of the life of Daniel Boone and also forward the movement inaugurated by Champ Clark to have Missouri erect a suitable monument on the spot where Daniel Boone was buried near Martha'sville, in Warren county.

Raising a Million at Liberty. The committee appointed by the trustees of the William Jewell college to raise \$500,000 to secure a like amount from the Baptist Educational society, has almost completed its task. All of the \$500,000 has been raised except \$50,000. One individual gift from Kansas City amounted to \$10,000. One-half of this \$10,000 will be spent in new equipment and the remainder will go into the endowment fund of the college. Work will start on the new \$100,000 dormitory and \$200,000 science building before commencement.

Celebrated a Creamery Opening. At the opening of the West Plains Creamery, 5,000 persons were present. An address was made by F. S. White, industrial commissioner of the St. Louis & San Francisco lines. The creamery is the first erected in that part of the state. West Plains citizens gave \$1,500 toward the erection of the plant, which cost \$10,000. The capacity of the creamery is 500,000 pounds of butter a year and 500 gallons of ice cream a day.

To Stock an Odd Fellows' Lake. John King, superintendent of the Odd Fellows' home at Liberty, has been given 1,000 fish by the state with which to stock the lake at the home's farm. The fish range from eight to ten inches in length.

Doctors Elect Pearce President. Dr. H. E. Pearce of Kansas City was elected president of the Missouri State Medical association at the close of the fifty-third annual meeting at Hannibal. Resolutions were passed asking larger appropriations from the legislature for the medical department of the University of Missouri and endorsing the constitutional amendment providing for a new state capital.

Newspaper Men Organize. The Republican newspaper men of the Thirtieth Missouri Congressional district met at Farmington and organized the Republican Press association of the Thirtieth Congressional district of Missouri. Every Republican newspaper in the district was represented except two.

A Court at Chillicothe. The house passed a bill providing for the creation of two divisions of the western judicial district for Missouri and the holding of a court at Chillicothe for the western division. It is specified that the city furnish a place for holding the court without charge to the government.

Third Healthiest City. Health Commissioner Bond's annual report, which has been received by Mayor Kreismann, shows St. Louis to be the third healthiest of 12 large